

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) A method of enhancing the ability of a cell to degrade a particle comprising introducing into said cell a nucleic acid sequence encoding an Fc receptor comprising an L-T-L sequence in a cytoplasmic domain thereof, said introduction being effected under conditions such that said nucleic acid sequence is expressed and said enhancement is thereby effected,

wherein said Fc receptor comprises a FcγRIIA cytoplasmic domain modified to comprise at least 1 additional L-T-L peptide.

5. (Previously Presented) A method of enhancing the ability of a cell to degrade a particle comprising introducing into said cell a nucleic acid sequence encoding an Fc receptor comprising an L-T-L sequence in a cytoplasmic domain thereof, said introduction being effected under conditions such that said nucleic acid sequence is expressed and said enhancement is thereby effected,

wherein said Fc receptor comprises a γ chain cytoplasmic domain modified to comprise at least one L-T-L peptide.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4 or 5 wherein said cell naturally expresses Fc γ RIIA.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4 or 5 wherein said cell does not naturally express Fc γ RIIA.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4 or 5 wherein said cell is an endothelial cell, a fibroblast, a macrophage or an epithelial cell.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4 or 5 wherein said particle is a bacterium.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4 or 5 wherein said nucleic acid sequence is introduced into said cell in a liposome, a bacterium or a viral vector.

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